

E-mail notice sent to all Hospital Data Reporting Contacts on April 21, 2006

Subject: Arizona Hospital Discharge Data Update: 2006 Reporting

It has recently come to our attention that there is some concern about significant changes to the discharge data reporting requirements for 2006.

The purpose of this message is to inform you that there are no significant changes to the requirements for 2006 discharge data reporting.

The only changes to 2006 data reporting requirements are those minor changes that have been posted on our website since June of 2005.

Our web address is: <http://azdhs.gov/plan/crr/ddr/hospital/index.htm>

We have begun to plan for the changes to the data reporting requirements that will be necessary to ensure compatibility with the upcoming UB-04 hospital billing format. We are meeting with the Arizona hospital association, and small groups of hospitals around the state, to plan for the changes that we all will have to make to prepare for the UB-04 format. (It is never too soon to begin to plan for these changes.)

If you see or hear about any “Drafts” of a new data layout or data specifications, these are only for the purposes of discussion as we work through the planning for these changes. For a look at what is currently available about the UB-04, go to the National Uniform Billing Committee website at: <http://www.nubc.org/>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

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